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3. **Berthing Facilities** designator A 25X1

this berth, like the other four on the mole and its land extension, had a small jetty

Depth at designator A was 32'. On the jetty were about 10 pipes of 10-12" diameter. 25X1

at designator C there were also petroleum transfer facilities. a naval tanker discharging petroleum product at this location. 25X1

4. **Merchant Vessels** 25X1

The remainder of the ships in port were Soviet. These ships varied in size from "small" to about 13 thousand tons deadweight frequently 25X1

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these tankers entered the harbor and partially loaded their cargo. Then they went to the waiting buoy outside the harbor, waited, and later returned to complete loading their cargo.

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a large Soviet passenger ship berthed at designator D for two days.

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5. Batumi Petroleum Refinery

port and its environs. no construction or expansion of the refinery. at or around designator E were about 10 storage tanks of approximately two thousand tons capacity each. They were painted in camouflage colors (green, yellow, brown, etc).

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6. Naval Base, Vessels and Shipyard

eight to 10 PT boats with guns fore and aft, berthed at the Naval Base. one larger patrol craft was also berthed there. not much activity at the Naval Base. Every morning one PT boat left the base for patrol duty and returned every evening. one 20-25' boat would also depart the base each morning and return in the evening. one or two PT boats being overhauled in the Dzerzhinskiy Shipyard. A naval tanker berthed at designator C to discharge cargo. Vessel was painted gray. Tanker approached the berth very slowly and without a tug.

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7. Railroad Yards a large fence, designator F, surrounds the railroad yard and port area.

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the yard was illuminated at night but the lights were dim and scattered. bagged cement arrived by train and was stored at designator G. the workmen handling the cement wore a uniform with epaulets. These men marched to and from work. Some of the cement was moved by truck from designator G to designator H for export. large piles of sand were located at designator I. Sand arrived by barge and was unloaded by crane. Trucks hauled the sand away.

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8. Coasting Harbor no activity in the area known as the Coasting Harbor.

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